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CHRISTMAS LIST

1999

Suggestions for Christmas buying from Carol Ardern, Bev Barnes, Helen Beckingsale, Betty Gilderdale, Gail Hofmann, Tania McCorkindale, Rosemary Tisdall, Joan Sharrock, and Jabberwocky Bookshop

Illustration from: *The Nativity Play* by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

Pre-School Titles

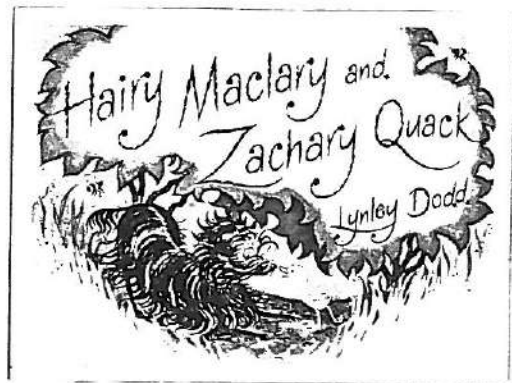
selected by Tania McCorkindale and Gail Hofmann

Midnight at the Museum

by Richard and Pamela Wolfe

Scholastic 1997

An imaginative encounter of what may happen at the Auckland Museum during darkness. The vivid attractive illustrations and rhyming text allows young and old to enjoy the intrigue of this lovely story over and over again. Nominated for the NZ Post Picture Book of the Year 1998. (TM)



Hairy Maclary and Zachary Quack

by Lynley Dodd

Mallinson Rendel 1999

Another outstanding animated rhyme with Hairy Maclary. In this delightful story we are introduced to a feathery friend. It is Hairy Maclary's turn to be bothered and bustled, rustled and hustled! (TM)

The Rainbow Fish

by Marcus Pfister

translated by J. Alison James

North-South Books

A moralistic story about a vain fish who learns to trade some of his beauty for friendship. An attractive book that appeals to youngsters and older children. (TM)

Dear Zoo

by Rod Campbell

Puffin Books

An attractive Lift the Flap book that allows young toddlers to learn zoo animals and basic adjectives. Very popular. Rod Campbell has a large variety of toddler books that are all well presented and give children interactive experiences with books. (TM)

Colour Surprises

by Chuck Murphy

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division

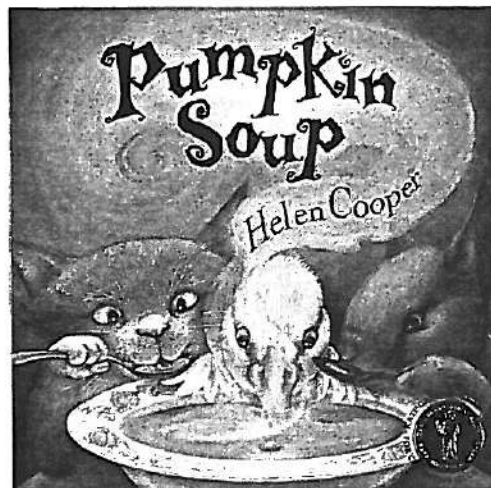
An attractive pop-up book that introduces toddlers to colour. Other books by this author, *1 to 10* (TM)

Pumpkin Soup

by Helen Cooper

Picture Corgi 1999

Cat, Squirrel and Duck are three friends who make pumpkin soup together every day. They always do it the same way until little Duck thinks he's got a better idea! Delightful colourful illustrations full of interest. A visual feast. (GH)



Easy Reads

selected by Bev Barnes and Joan Sharrock

A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes

by Kady MacDonald Denton

Kingfisher 1998

All the well known nursery rhymes with beautiful illustrations. (JS, BB)

From Head to Toe

by Eric Carle

Hamish Hamilton 1997

An opportunity for young children to interact with words and pictures. (JS, BB)

Find Me a Tiger

by Lynley Dodd

Puffin Books 1993

Rhyming text with pictures for observation and identification. Another chance for interaction between reader and child. (JS, BB)

This is the Star

by Joyce Dunbar and Gary Blythe

Picture Corgi Books 1998

The Christmas story told in the style of "This is the House that Jack Built". The total presentation of this book is outstanding with imaginative rhymes and wonderful pictures. (JS, BB)

The Little Reindeer

by Michael Foreman

Red Fox Random House 1997

Another thoroughly enjoyable Christmas story, which is also beautifully illustrated. (1997 Smarties Award) (JS, BB)



5 - 7 Year Olds

selected by Susan McIntosh and Betty Gilderdale

A Parcel of Stories for Five Year Olds

anthology selected by Pat Thomson

Corgi 1999

A mix of mood and of quality from the domestic to the bizarre in these short stories which feature a variety of animals from dinosaurs to domestic pets. Suitable for bed time reading they also bridge the gap between picture books and longer stories. A good stocking filler. (BG)

The Bird

by Nicholas Allan
Hutchinson 1997

The Hermit's friendship with the bird brings him rather more friends than he bargains for. Another well known story told from a unique Allan viewpoint. (SM)

The Nativity Play

by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen
Hodder & Stoughton 1998

This is a typical school Nativity play with all its problems, charm and happy ending. Reissued with a tape of story read by Roger McGough plus carols and sound effects. (SM)

The Bremen Town Musicians

by J & W Grimm, illustrated by Hans Fischer
North-South Books 1998

First published in 1944, the lively charming pen and ink prints of celebrated Swiss illustrator Hans Fishcer, will once again enchant all readers. (SM)



Edwina the Emu

by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement
Harper Collins 1997

The very expressive illustrations make these a most appealing pair of emus. The feisty Edwina tries to find a job to support her family, but eventually realises her true vocation. (SM)

What's Under the Bed?

By Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom
Watts Books 1996

Under the bed is another world just waiting to be explored. A book for the curious of all ages. (SM)

Barkis

by Clare Turlay Newberry
Smithmark Publishers 1998

When the new puppy gets into trouble James and Nell Jean forget their rivalry and learn to cooperate in the best interests of their pets. First published in 1938 this Caldecott Honour book with its beautiful illustrations is a Clare Newberry classic. (SM)

Winnie the Witch

by Korky Paul and Valerie Thomas
Oxford University Press 1998

In her black house Winnie kept tripping over her black cat. She decided to use a little magic, but solving her problem has dire results for Wilbur. (SM)

The Christmas Star

by Marcus Pfister
North-South Books 1998

The mysterious star leaves a glittering trail which all can follow to the birthplace of the new king. (SM)

Mouse Opera

by Richard and Pamela Wolfe
Scholastic 1999

The Maestro is frantic - will the opera be ready on opening night with so much to do and so little time left? Children will pore over the glowing, detailed and amusing illustrations. Some of the rhymes in the text are repeated too often, but adults will smile as they read the names of the mouse characters. (SM)

7 - 9 Year Olds

selected by Rosemary Tisdall

The A.O.K. Project

by Vivienne Joseph
Mallinson Rendel 1999

Cameron is not impressed when his teacher assigns them a project of helping other people in the community for no payment. He is even less impressed when he finds his "project" is Mac, an old lady who is not so willing to co-operate. However, he discovers another side to her and is surprised at his sudden benevolent attitude.

A note from the publisher informs us that the author had never dreamed of flying a Tiger Moth, but with a Tiger Moth featuring in this book, she felt inspired to take a flight. She found it exhilarating and no doubt helped her to capture Mac's feeling for the plane. (RT)



Tricky Situations

by Barbara Else
Random House 1999

Ms Winsley is a Problem Consultant who has to deal with a castaway elephant, a broken-hearted pirate, a runaway snake that has gone down the plug hole, and many other problems. In the end she is called on to save the town. Great fun for 6-10 year olds. (RT)

The Five Sisters

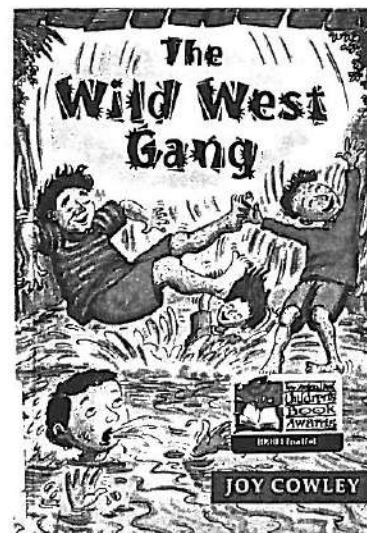
by Margaret Mahy
Puffin 1998

A lovely story about change and sorrow and laughter and finding one's place in the world. The story revolves around five cut-out paper dolls we all made as children, and each doll is completed by being given a face and character at different stages of the story, thus building up the plot. (RT)

No More Moas

by Duncan Scott
Scholastic 1997

Two natural history photographers are no match for Mum, Dad, Gran, Tama and Kiri Kea who set them up on a wild moa (ie mower) chase high in the snowy mountains. Delightful story showing the truly cheeky side of this native NZ bird! (RT)



The Wild West Gang

by Joy Cowley

Harper Collins 1998

Michael's conservative mother is not too keen on him going to stay with his "wayward" aunt and uncle. They are far too lenient (she thinks). Michael thinks that they are such fun to be with. He manages to wangle a camping holiday away with them and the fun they get up to is revealed in the story. (RT)

A Mouse called Wolf

by Dick King-Smith

Corgi 1999

Wolf happens to be a very musical mouse, singing along to the lady's piano accompaniment. This is just as well as he happens to be named after a famous musician - his mother found a tatty piece of paper with the word Wolfgang Amadeus Mo...on it. She thought it an ideal name for her baby son as she thought the Mo...was supposed to be Mouse! (RT)

9 - 12 Year Olds

selected by Carol Ardern and Helen Beckingsale

The Worst Band in the Universe

by Graeme Base

Viking 1999

In this sophisticated picture book the exploits of Sprocc, an alien musician, are written in rhymed text. Base portrays an interesting array of alien personalities and scenarios through the text and his colourful and highly detailed illustrations. A CD of 'galactic music' written and performed by Base is included.(CA)

The House that Jack Built

by Gavin Bishop

Scholastic 1999

The traditional rhyme is placed in a New Zealand setting. The colonisation of New Zealand is cleverly presented in the artwork. Bishop has successfully integrated the power of Maori mythology and shows colonisation's influence on traditional values as well as on our flora and fauna. A picture book with multi level applications.(CA)

Hair in Funny Places

by Babette Cole

Jonathon Cape 1999

The ups and downs of puberty for both girls and boys, told with the assistance of the wacky Mr & Mrs Hormone. Babette Cole uses humorous text and quirky illustrations but presents accurate information. (CA)

Centuries of Stories

edited by Wendy Cooling

Harper Collins 1999

A collection of twenty stories written by leading authors including Margaret Mahy, Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Morpurgo and Vivien French. Each story is set in one of the last twenty centuries. (CA)



Nim's Island

by Wendy Orr

Allen & Unwin 1999

Nim is alone on a tropical island while her father researches plankton. Company is provided by Selkie the sea lion and Fred her pet iguana. Although living is basic communication is not. A solar unit provides power for a torch, mobile phone and computer. When things go wrong her email friend Alex Roper proves to be a hero. Innovative story line. A good read aloud or a fantasy adventure to enjoy independently. (CA)

Illustrated Book of Great Adventures

Dorling Kindersley Book 1999

This collection includes a wide range of exciting adventures among them Ned Kelly, the Kontiki and Tenzing & Hillary. Maps, historical data, photographs and artefacts all add fascinating background information. (CA)



2Much4U

by Vince Ford

Scholastic 1999

A lively account of the ups and downs in Davin's holiday job scheme - 2MUCH4U - plus some intrigue and delight. (CA)

Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman

by Odo Hirsch

Allen & Unwin 1997

A delightful story of ten year old Antonio whose father is a magician and his mother a doctor. Antonio explores a secret passage in their apartment block. He discovers lots of interesting things and develops a warm relationship with the eccentric Theodore Guzman.

By the same author and highly recommended: *Bartlett and the Ice Voyage* 1998; *Bartlett and the City of Flames* 1999; *Hazel Green* 1999. (CA)

A Villain's Night Out

by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Harry House

Puffin 1999

Margaret Mahy's originality shines through in this story. Mrs Rogers challenges her class to write a book for the library (because the library money has been spent on a coffee machine for the teachers!). Formby Mackinaw creates the character Squidgy Moot and, with the unasked for help of his little sister Minnie, creates an entertaining story. Changes in font emphasise the passages written by Formby and his pesky sister. Video games and computers feature in this contemporary story. (CA)

Norton's Hut

by John Marsden, illustrated by Peter Gouldthorpe

Lothian Books 1998

An effectively descriptive account of four young trampers and their experiences when they are caught in a snow storm. Has an eerie twist. Presented in picture book format, successfully illustrated by Peter Gouldthorpe. (CA)

Rescue Josh McGuire

by Ben Mikaelson

Hyperion 1993

A touching story of a thirteen year old who takes to the wilderness with a bear cub orphaned when his father kills the mother bear. An accident in the mountains brings the boy and the plight of bears to the attention of conservation supporters. A well paced story. (CA)

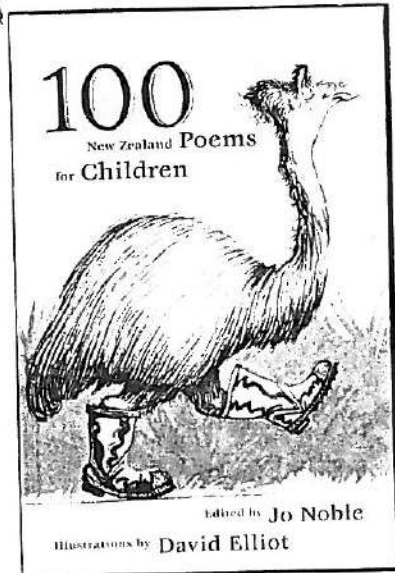
100 New Zealand Poems for Children

edited by Jo Noble, illustrated by David Elliot

Random House 1999

This collection provides a most interesting range of poetry by New Zealand poets. Poems by children and adults, humorous and poignant, classic and contemporary, city and country settings with topics relevant to New Zealand children.

David Elliott's illustrations are a delight and show his skilful versatility. A must for every family this Christmas and an essential resource for teachers. (CA)



Christmas Sonata

by Gary Paulsen

Macmillan 1999

A true story from Gary Paulsen's childhood. His young cousin is terminally ill and his wish to know if Santa is real is a poignant story of hope and love. (CA)

Hatchet: the Call

by Gary Paulsen

Macmillan 1999

This book closes the story begun in *Hatchet* (Macmillan 1991), in which a teenage boy is the sole survivor of an air crash and must survive in the wilderness in Canada, and continued in *The Return* (Macmillan 1992). *Hatchet: Winter* (1996) explores an alternative scenario if Brian had not been rescued. In this final book Brian decides to return permanently to the wild as he feels alienated from civilisation. He methodically gathers survival equipment and leaves his old life behind. (HB)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

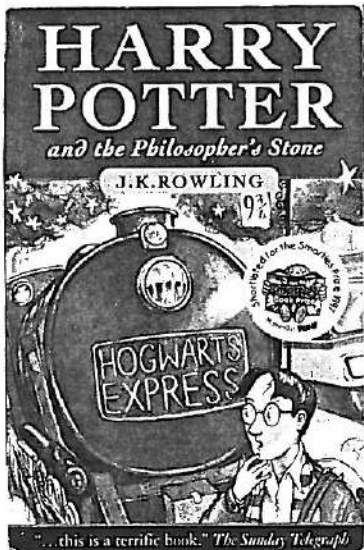
by JK Rowling

Scholastic 1998 (originally published as *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets Scholastic 1999

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkabar Scholastic 1999

There can be few people with an interest in books who haven't heard of Harry Potter and his exploits at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. These books combine the traditional British school story, exciting adventure and inventive fantasy and appeal to 9-12 year olds, teenagers and their parents. There are several different editions including one with a cover which won't embarrass adult readers who don't want to be seen reading juvenile fiction! (HB)



"... this is a terrific book." *The Sunday Telegraph*

Squids will be Squids

by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

Puffin edition 1999

A very funny book of fresh morals and beastly fables. A large format soft book with zany illustrations, a variety of fonts and interesting page layouts. A lively read. (CA)

12 Years Plus

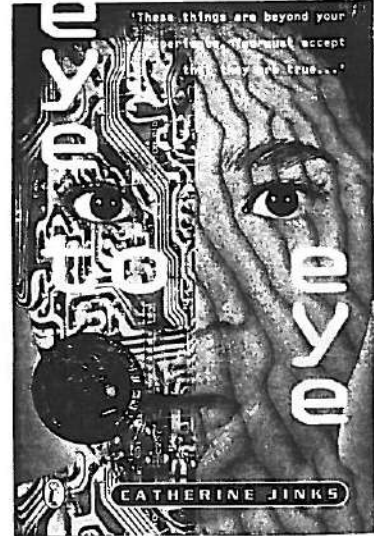
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Chinese Cinderella

by Adeline Yen Mah

Puffin 1999

This is the true story of a child rejected from birth by her family, who blamed her for the death of her mother. Adeline Yen Mah originally told her story in a book for adults, *Falling Leaves*, and has rewritten it for children as a message of hope to those who are unwanted and unloved. Proceeds for the book will go towards a Foundation to enable Chinese language students to study in China. (HB)



Facing the Dark

by Michael Harrison

Oxford University Press 1999

A fast-paced thriller which will appeal equally to boys or girls. Charley, the daughter of a murdered man, and Simon, the son of the man accused of his murder, join forces to find the real killer. (HB)

The Kin

by Peter Dickinson

Macmillan 1998

Published as four separate paperbacks: Book 1 *Suth's Story*; Book 2 *Noli's Story*; Book 3 *Ko's Story*; Book 4 *Mana's Story*.

These books are set 20,000 years ago and depict the birth of the human race in Africa. Four children each tell their own story as they encounter natural disasters, hardships and hostility while searching for places to live in peace. Their stories are interspersed with a series of magical interludes - the mythical stories invented by the Kin to explain their world to themselves. Peter Dickinson is always entertaining and thought provoking. (HB)

Eye to Eye

by Catherine Jinks

Puffin 1997

Jansi, a boy from a primitive society, comes across a disabled spaceship in the desert. The spaceship has a highly developed computer system enabling it to 'think'. It knows it needs Jansi's hands to repair its system and sets about luring him in and showing him what it needs. Jansi is terrified by what appears to him to be magic and there are some amusing episodes where the ship attempts to train Jansi to wash and to use the sophisticated amenities. (HB)

The Raging Quiet

by Sherryl Jordan

Simon and Schuster 1999

Sherryl Jordan's latest novel is set in the middle ages and is a romantic story with a message about the dangers of superstition. Sixteen year old Marnie is accused of witchcraft when her much older husband dies in an accident. She befriends Raven who is supposedly mad but is in fact deaf, and unable to communicate. Hardbound. (HB)

The Royal Diaries

Scholastic 1999

Elizabeth I, Red Rose of the House of Tudor

by Kathryn Lasky

Cleopatra VII, Daughter of the Nile

by Kristiana Gregory

These are two imagined diaries of Elizabeth I and Cleopatra when they were between the ages of 12 - 14. Although fictional they are firmly rooted in fact and give fascinating insights into events and customs of the period. Both authors have written convincing and absorbing accounts of these two young princesses whose lives were often threatened by political intrigue but who are nevertheless still recognisably teenage.

These books are beautifully produced in hardback with gilt-edged pages and fine end-papers. At the conclusion of each diary is an accurate historical account of the period, a family tree and pictures taken from portraits made at the time. (BG)

The Circle of Magic (series of 4)

by Tamora Pierce

Scholastic 1999

1. Sandry's Book; 2. Tris's Book; 3. Daja's Book; 4. Briar's Book

Another series each told from the viewpoint of one child, each of whom has been rejected or has lost their immediate family and has been rescued from what seemed a hopeless situation because of his or her special magic gifts. The books trace the development of the children's relationship with each other which begins in hostility and suspicion, and the development of their magical talents which are honed by their exposure to numerous hazards such as earthquake and pirate attack. Books 1-3 available in paperback. (HB)

Also by Tamora Pierce: *The Song of the Lioness* quartet which chronicles the adventure of Alanna, a girl who became a knight and "The Immortals" series set in the same world of Tortell and involving Daine who possesses animal magic. Teenage Tamora Pierce fans of my acquaintance tell me that these are her best books so consider these if you are introducing fantasy lovers to a new author.

